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Exhibit A



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In re application of:
Matyjaszewski, et al.

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RATE ENHANCEMENT OF NITROXYL
RADICAL-MEDIATED POLYMERIZATION

AMENDMENT OF DRAWINGS

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222
August 08, 2000

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Attn.: DRAWING REVIEW BRANCH

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated February 17, 2000 ("Office Action") and in order to place the above-captioned application in condition for allowance, Applicant respectfully requests replacement of original Figures 6-8 and 12-14 with the enclosed amended Figures 6-8 and 12-14. Applicant submits that as amended the replacement figures do not add new matter.

In paragraph 5 of the Office Action, The Examiner indicates the Draftperson's review has indicated deficiencies in the drawings, Figures 6-8 are objected to because the x-axis labels are unclear and/or not properly spaced, and Figures 12-14 were objected to as having text of small font size and poor copy quality. Responsive to these objections, Applicants submits replacement drawing sheets

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for Figures 6-8, 12-14 in the subject application which comply with the drawing requirements of Patent Office rules and procedures.



Respectfully submitted,

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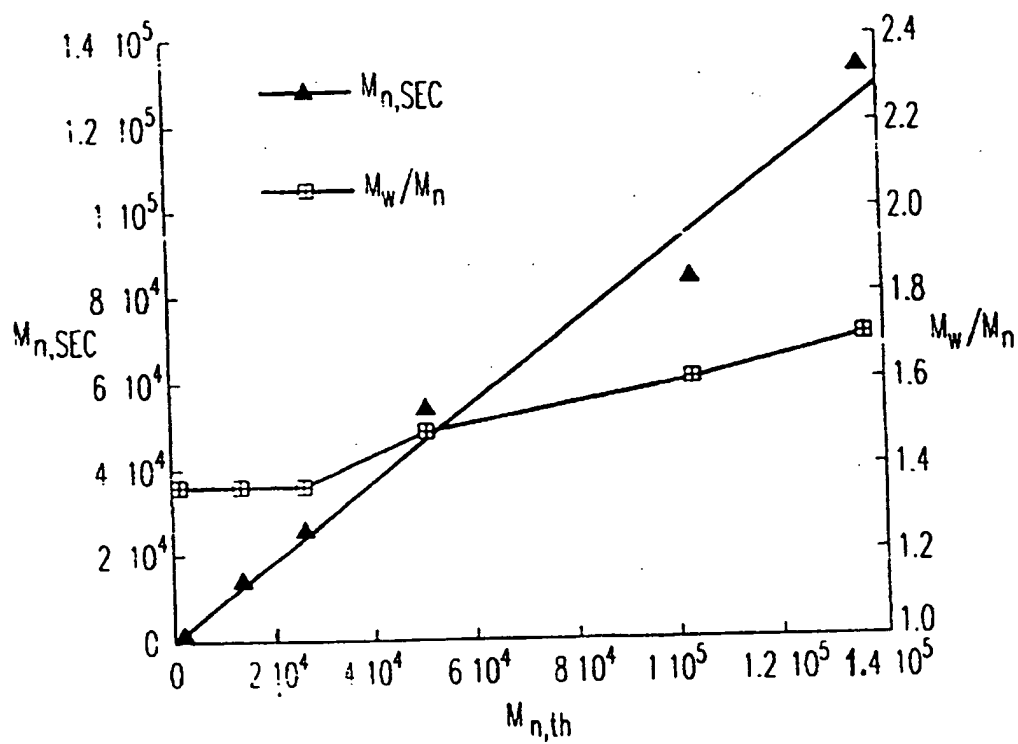


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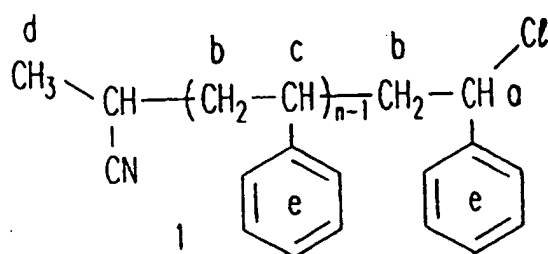


FIG. 7A

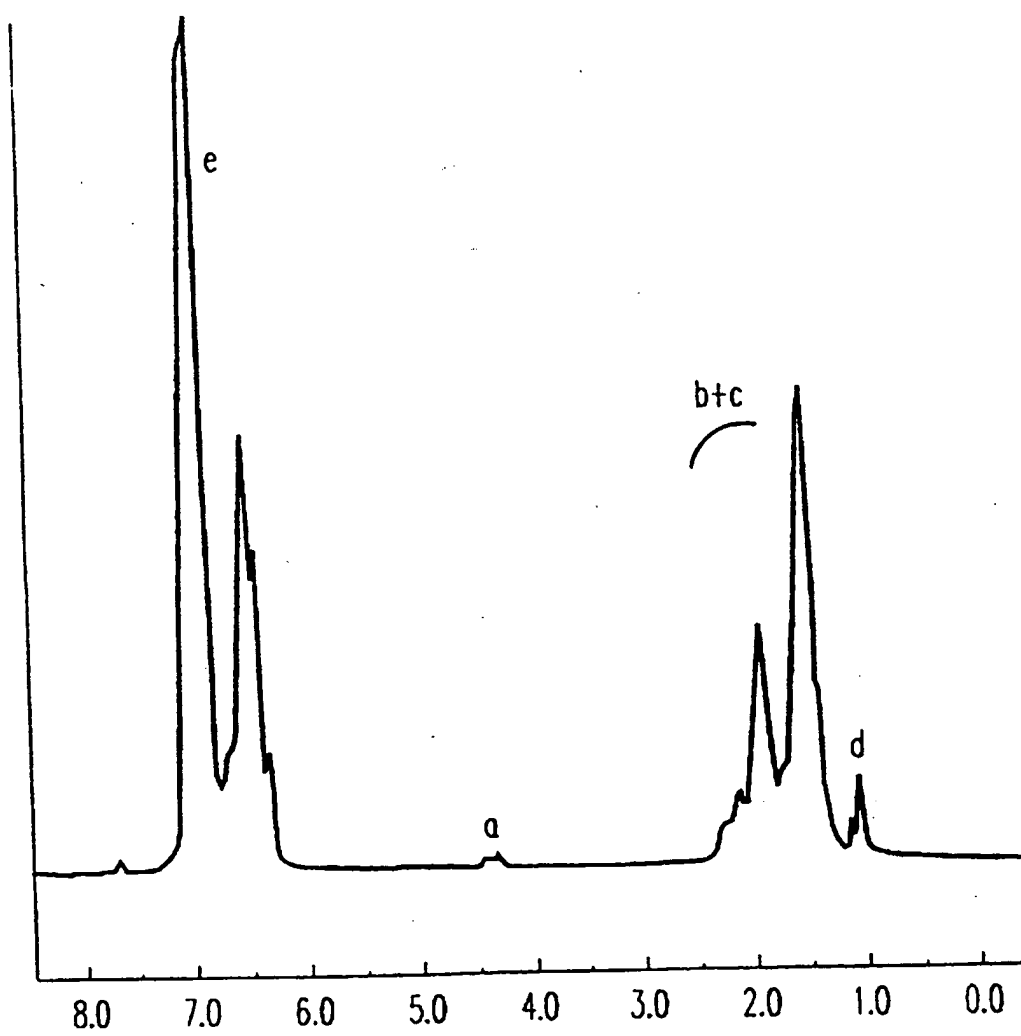


FIG. 7B

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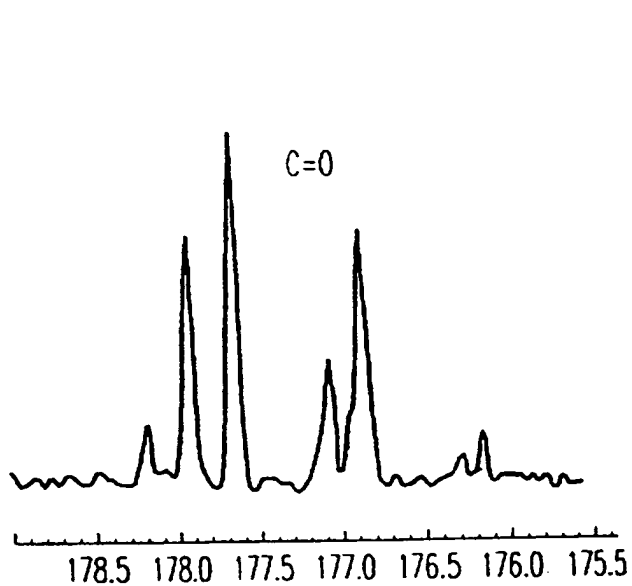


FIG. 8A

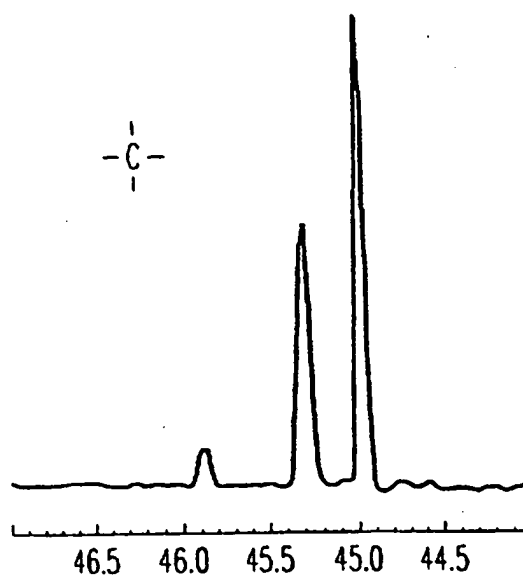


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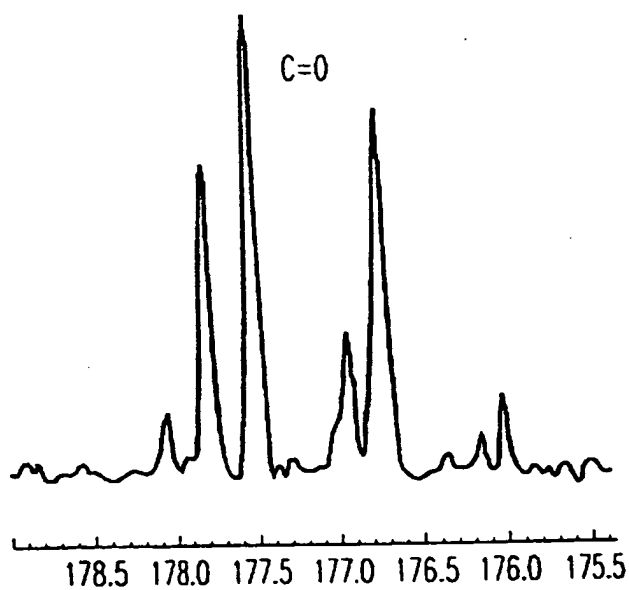


FIG. 8B

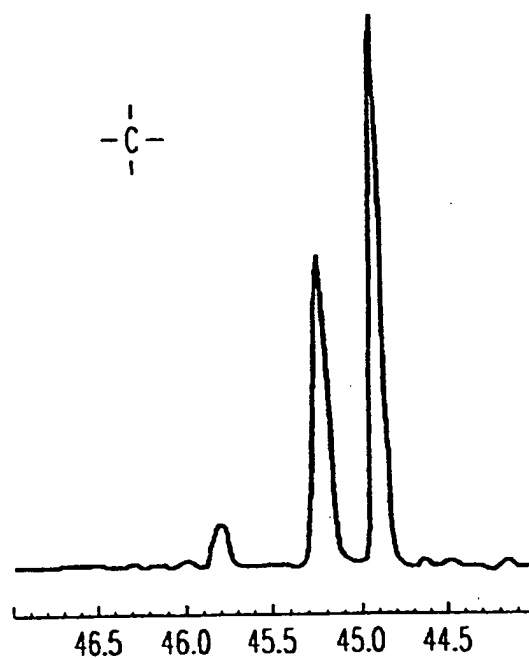


FIG. 8B'

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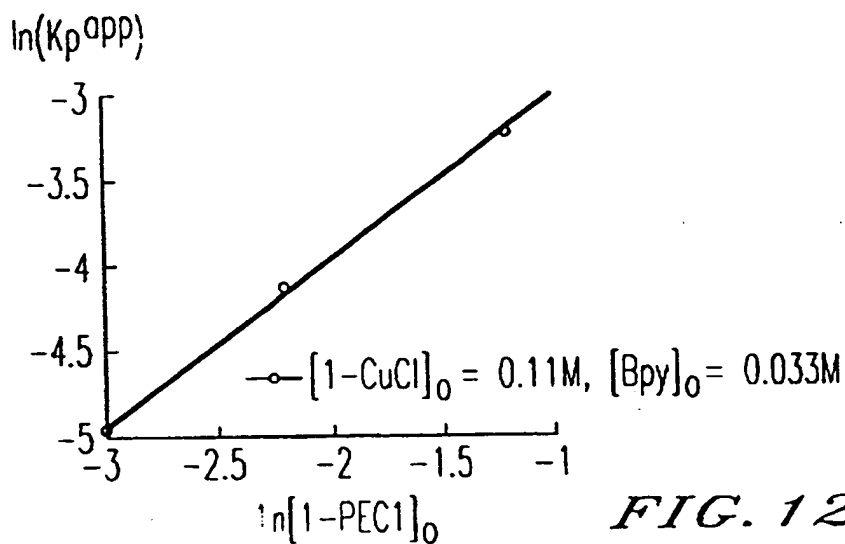


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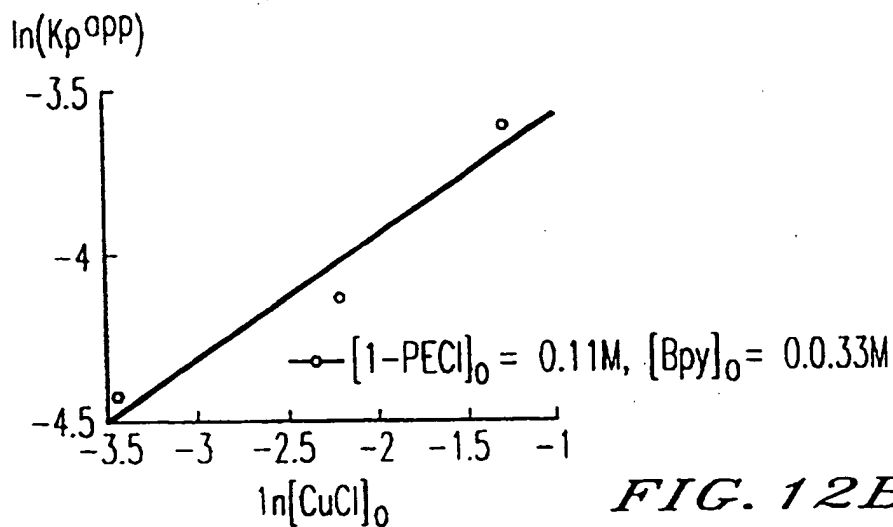


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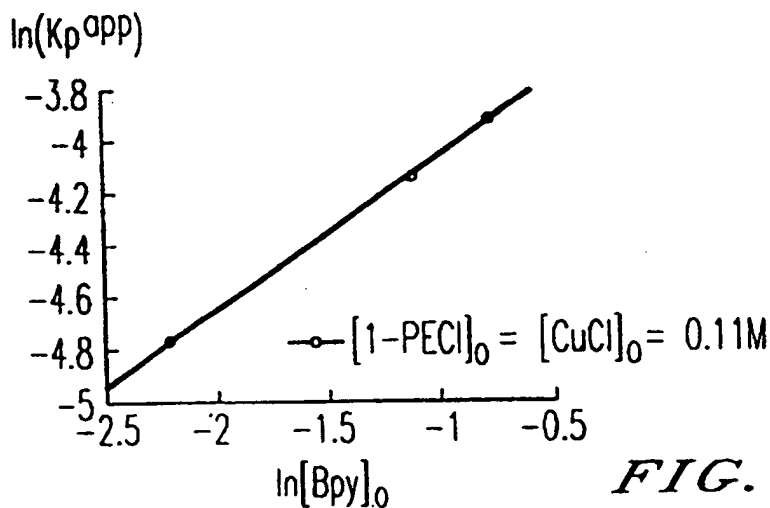


FIG. 12C

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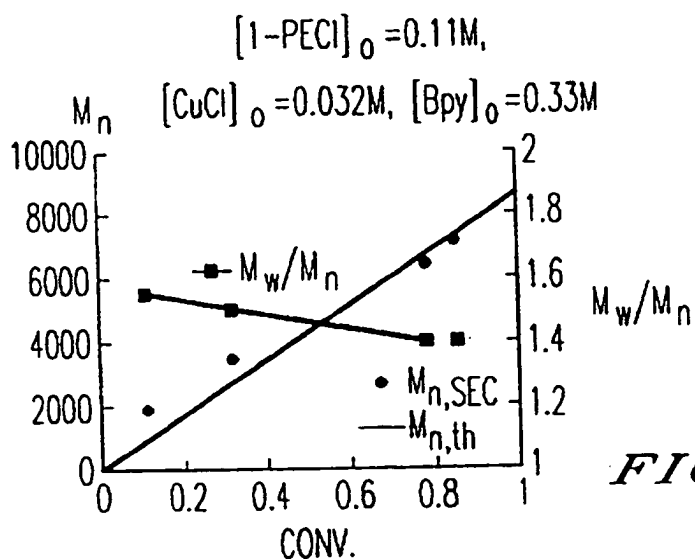


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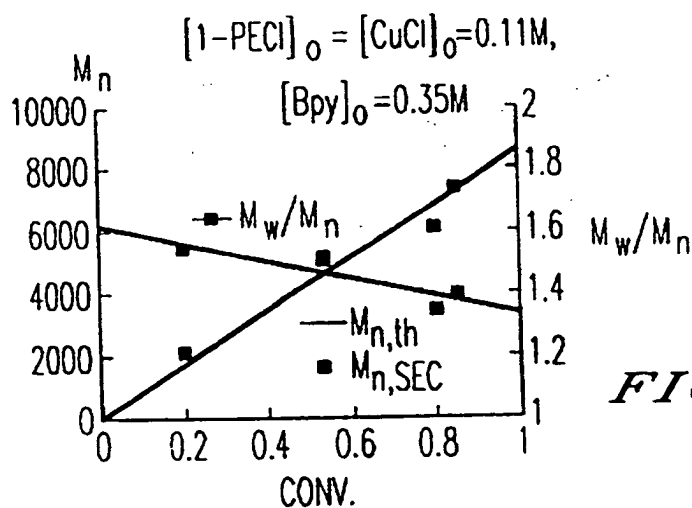


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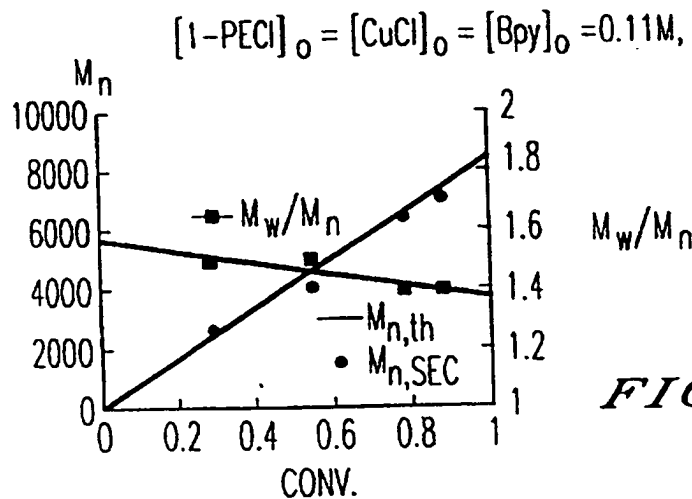


FIG. 13C

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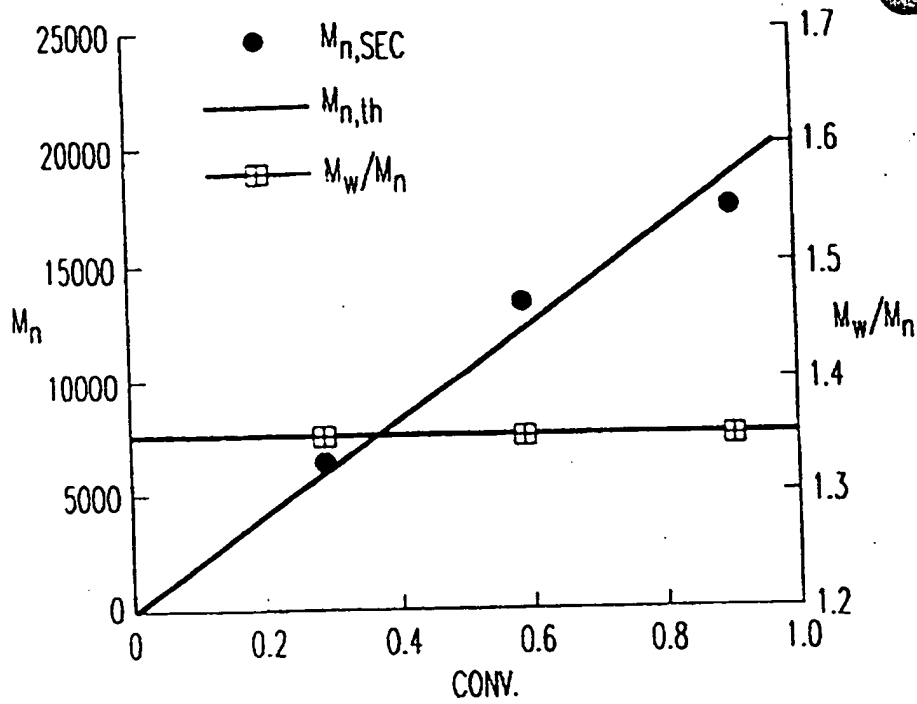


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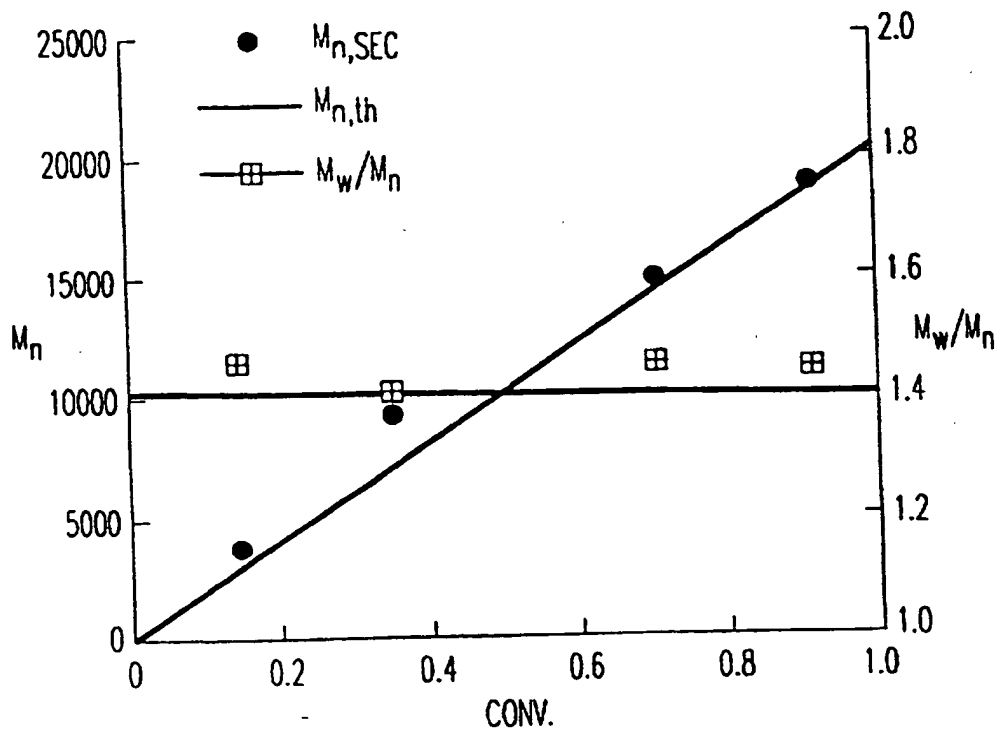


FIG. 14B

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